

**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	<b>WOLF, et al.</b>	Examiner:	<b>NGUYEN, C.M.</b>
Serial No.:	10/588,943	Group Art Unit:	1793
Filed:	May 31, 2007	Confirmation No.:	2771
For:	Exhaust Gas Cleaning Catalyst With an Axially Varying Precious Metal Concentration and Process For Making the Catalyst		

Commissioner for Patents  
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December 23, 2009

**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This reply is to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 1, 2009 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the restriction requirement expires on January 1, 2010, and thus this amendment is timely filed.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter in Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to a catalyst.

Applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue the claims not elected in one or more divisional applications.